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1. In mid-January 1951, the head of the North Korean Transport Ministry was CH'ON Ch'i-bk,* his deputy KIM Ki-song.**

2. North Korean military commands included the following:

First Division: Commanding General CH'OE Yong-kuk.

Second Division: Commanding General PAK Mak-chun.

Seventh Division: Commanding General YI Ik-song.*

Officer in charge of American prisoners of war: KANG Ki-sun.*

Tank Division (unidentified): Commanding General Alexey CHIKOV, former lieutenant in a Soviet tank unit.

Armored Division (unidentified): Commanding General YU Kyong-su,* former lieutenant in the Soviet army.

Third Task Force: Commanding General CH'OE Hyon,* who served with KIM Il-song in Manchuria, accompanied him to the USSR in 1938, and returned to Korea with him in 1945.

Second Task Force: Commanding General: Nicoli (sic) YI.

Political Commissar: KIM Han-chong.*

Chief of Staff: HWANG Tae-tong.

3. PAK Il-u,* speaker for the People's Army and chairman of the Supreme People's Committee, may be appointed head of the North Korean Army and Minister of Defense to replace CH'OE Yong-kon, who has been reported dead. PAK was trained in Yanan and has the confidence of the Chinese Communists, and he is also said to get along well with the Soviets. If PAK is appointed, he will be replaced in his former position by PAK Yong-sam,* former prosecutor in the North Korean government.***

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Comment. Personnel previously reported in various positions include:

CH'OE Hyon: Commander of 2 Division North Korean Army, 9 November 1950.
Commander 18 Division September 1950.

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CH'ON Ch'i-~~ok~~: Chief of the Land Transport Administration of the North Korean Ministry of Transportation; see ZJY-910.
KANG Ke-sun: Commanding officer of the prison camps in the 19th and 4th Primary schools, location unstated.
KIM Han-chong: Member of the Legislation Committee of North Korea.
PAK Il-u: Minister of Internal Affairs of the North Korean government.
PAK Yong-sam: Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs for Security, head of the North Korean police constabulary.
YI Ik-song: Commander of the North Korean 7 Division in September 1950.
YU Kyong-su: Commander of a North Korean tank brigade in July 1950.

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** Comment. No characters were received with any of these names.

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** Comment. KIM Tu-pong is chairman of the Supreme People's Committee. PAK Il-u's normal position is given above. Therefore, presumably PAK Yong-sam will become not chairman of the Committee but Minister of Internal Affairs.

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